# Shah's Brainy Twin Sister and Three Americans Are Seen as Key Figures in Iranian Coup W. CY

What really happened in Iran?
What course of events led to the
blowup on August 19 which resulted in the overthrow of Premier urn of the Shah? and the triumphal re-

The Communists charge the entirely episode was engineered by Affirican spies. Our Government has insisted that Mossadegh was the victim of an entirely spontaness uprising.

Phere is, however, another story of the affair, one which ascribes a leading role in this historic dramatoon almost unknown characteracolorful and very competent process named Ashraf. Some of the elements of this story, now making the rounds in diplomatic cities here seem to bear out the Communist line that American aparts and a hand in what transpired. They reture, however, the crement of the united States maker-minded the revolt entirely or own hook.

TAC Circumstantial Case

were evidence supporting this vertion of the Iranian coup is, to be sure, fragmentary and oircunstainties. But there is one significant power to be made in its favor. Some force, in secret dispatches to the moments what was good to happen in Iran, and their predicted, in secret dispatches to the home governments, what was good to happen in Iran, and their prediction was based on the evidence assembled below.

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# Ousted by Mossadegh

As soon as it was safe for him to do so; Mossadegh had her exiled. Ashraf took her family to Europe, Dividing her time between Switzer-

land, Rome and Paris, she continued drumming up support to overthrow Iran's dictatorial Premier.

Meanwhile, as Mossadegh moved into increasingly close cahoots with the Communist Tudeh Party, a sigin Washington, nificant stir of activity was observed

experts left the Capital for various destinations early last nummer. By the beginning of August, word had trickled back to Washington that all of them had shown up in four Middle Eastern

The State Department, meanwhile, seemed to have something up its sleeve. On May 28, Mossadegh wrote to President Eisenhower, asking for immediate financial help viossadegn in its simplest for n had already made United States. ij form:

clear that a refusal would drive him closer into the arms of the Tudeh Party and force him to turn to Russia as: a source of revenue. Gen. Eisenhower waited a month before acting. Then, with the backing of his top State Department advisers, he turned Mossadegh down flatly. With the political future of the whole Middle East at stake, the Premier was told, in effect, to go jump in the lake. Quite apart from considered unthinkable without solid reassurance that Mossadegh would the rights and wrongs of the mat-ter, it was a gamble that might be

never be able to carry out his threat. Soon after the letter incident, our derson, packed up and left for a

Gen. Schwarzkopi Mystery Man.

vacation in Switzerland. In view of the critical political situation in Iran, the trip aroused some com-Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, left Washington on August 10—also for a vacation in Switzerland, And, as a final coinciment. Coincidentally, perhaps, Allen

have to play a decisive role in what persuade the Shah stormy interview between the roya According to reports from Tehenn, Ashraf's visit to the Iranian pital had featured a long and Many believe she attempted to that he would

But whatever success the lady may or may not have had in lining up her brother, another messenger is credited with the last-minute per-suasion of the Shah. He is an American with unusual qualifica-tions as an Iranian expert. Brig. Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf. was coming.

Gen. Schwarzkopf's present connection with the United States Government is exceedingly vague. He first came to the attention of the public in 1932 when, as head of the investigation of the Lindbergh kidnapping case. He became known in Iran a decade later when, as an Army colonel, he was detailed at the request of the Iranian government. police force. to reorganize the national

# A Complex Job

real power of the state. It is dangerous and delicate job. Genwarzkopf took to it naturally. Being a police chief in Iran is not quite the same thing as being police chief in New Jersey. The job goes well beyond the routhine rounding up of routine criminals. To be head of demands an intimate knowledge of the different political, economic and military interests that make up the real power of the state. It is a demonstrate and delicate in Ten state police force for very long Gen.

a methodical man, he built up a filing system that made him undoubtedly the best-informed person in Iran in his special field. His knowledge of Iranian politics and people started at the top and spread from there to the darkest alleyways Schwarzkopf became one of the most important and powerful figures on the Iranian landscape. Being a methodical man, he built up a frontier tribe. In the course of almost six years (he quit the job in 1948) Gen. Teheran and to the most remote

This year, it happened that Gen Schwarzkopf's summer vacation trip took him to the Middle East. In a

Princess Ashraf Mystery Woman

# By Crosby S. Noyes

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dence, the Princess Ashraf, who had just made a quick trip to Teheran to see her brother, was there, too.

r Premier Mossadegh. For his r., Gen. Schwarzkopf shrugged off tak. He had dropped in, he to "meet old friends." One of n, in all probability, was his net colleague on the Iranian poforce, Maj. Gen. Fazoliah Zahnother was the Shah. arrival stirred speculation escaped neither the Russians emier Mossadegh, For his

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Organizing Problem the Iranian military.

Caspian Sea.

There are those who find it incredible that Gen. Schwarzkopf, assuming that he was involved in a plan of revolt, should have gone to Iran to talk with the Shah. What surer way could have been found, they ask, to put Mossadegh and his against what was coming? cronies on their guard

been in a stronger position to stiffen the determination of the vacillatruler than his former police

to the point where Teheran was seething with rumors of impending vith rumors of impending vith rumors of impending the revolt. The Communist press, which had been screaming shrilly about the activities of American agents the activities of American agents the Schwarzbopf visit as confirmation of their worst fears. In Moscow, Pravda charged that a plot was in the making, financed out of funds appropriated by Conductors. plot was in the making, financed out of funds appropriated by Con-gress for "subversive work in other

concerned the military operations that were expected—the question of what troops could be counted on to remain loyal to the Shah and also when the time came. Logistics as a science is not the strong point of been plenty for an American agent to do in Teheran in those final days before the showdown. Much of it when the time came. Logistics as a the question of having them in the Financing aside, there would have

There also was the business of preparing for the situation that might be expected to develop in the streets. The action of mobs cannot be plotted in advance, of course. But mobs are highly suggestible. How to present the man in the street with the right situatus at the right time undoubtedly was a problem for both the right situatus at the right time undoubtedly was a problem for both sides as the crisis hour approached. By the middle of August, the most doubtful element in the Iranian situation was the Shah himself. The young ruler had kept conspicuously aloof from the currents of intrigue swriling through his capital. At the time, he was on "vacation" at the resort town of Ramsar on the

The answer may be, first, that the Shah himself was a vital part of the plan. Unless he was willing to play his part, the whole show might be doomed. No one could have

Secondly, by the time Gen. Schwarzkopt arrived in Iran, the need for secrecy may have passed. The Communists were already thoroughly alert to the danger and preparations were as complete as they could be made. The plan was they could be made. The plan was simple enough; Bring on a show-

down with Mossadegh—make him show his hand—then counterattack. Certainly, after Gen. Schwarz-kopf's visit to Iran, events moved swiftly, although the general de-nied to The Star any involvement in the coup. Certainly, also, the The Shah had the job of throwing the switch.

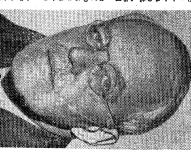
Communists and Mossadegh were waiting for the opening gun.
The switch was thrown on Thursday, August 13. The Shah issued two decrees. One fired Mossadegh—the other named Gen. Zahedi to replace him. The head of the Imperial Guard, Col. Nematollah Nashiri, was sent off to Teheran to deliver the ukases.

When the colonel, accompanied by a handful of guards, arrived at Mossadesh's home at midnight on Saturday, they ran headon into a cordon of army tanks and jeeps, Col. Nashiri's guards were disarmed and he was arrested. The same night, most of the Iranian army moved into town armed to the teeth. Gen. Zahedi slipped out of sight and Premier Mossadegh issued a proclamation that the revolt had been

were right. To be on the safe side, the Shah and his Queen left hastily or Iraq—proceeding later to Rome. For a while, it looked as if he ere right. To be on the safe side,

Enter the Mob





CIA Chief Dulles Mountain Climber.

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There is no hint where wrestlers, armed with iron bars and knives, began marching toward the heart of the city shouting the city shouting

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assigned here in Washington bids Ashraf here in Washington holds stoutly to the view that her visit with the Shah was undertaken simply to ask him for money. It is possible that Allen Dulles is genuinely fond of mountain-climbing and critical moment. fond of mountain-climbing an that Gen. Schwarzkopf just har pened to show up in Teheran at

It is all perfectly possible. But as long as the practice of putting two and two together continues, the argument about what really happened in Iran last summer seems likely to

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